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## 'Spy for US' held by KGB

SOVIET counter-espionage agents have arrested a Russian and accused him of spying for the United States Central Intelligence Agency. The Government newspaper, Izvestia, yesterday named the man as E. A. Kapustin and said that he worked at a Moscow factory until he was arrested by the KGB.

The report said he had on him espionage plans, ciphers, instructions for maintaining undercover contacts, and other material documenting the spying activities of CIA agents in the US embassy in Moscow.

A US embassy spokesman said he had not seen the Izvestia report and indicated that there would be no official comment on it. The announcement did not say whether the CIA agents accused of controlling Kapustin's alleged spying activities were still in Moscow, but it said that investigations were continuing.

If the case follows the usual Soviet pattern, Kapustin will be tried in camera and face a maximum sentence of death.

The last Russian known to have been convicted as an American spy was Anatoly Filatov, sentenced to be shot in 1978. His sentence was commuted to 15 years' imprisonment.

Filatov's trial coincided with that of the Jewish dissident, Anatoly Shcharansky, who received a 13-year sentence on an espionage charge. Last year, after the freeze in Soviet-American relations over Afghanistan, the Soviet press alleged that the US embassy in Moscow was engaged in widespread espionage activities.—Reuter